

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 11, 2003. Claims 1 – 25 were pending and the Office Action rejected all claims. Specifically, Claim 1-6, 8-10, 12-14, 17-19, 20, 22, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Shiota (U.S. Patent No. 6,337,712). Claims 11 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shiota, in view of Barraclough (U.S. Patent No. 6,301,607). Claims 7, 15-16 and 23-24 were rejected as being unpatentable over Shiota, in view of Wang (U.S. Patent No. 6,058,428).

In response, the Applicants have amended Claim 1, to incorporate the limitations of previous Claims 2 and 3. In addition, a further limitation was added to specify that the server apparatus “stores a printing reservation list indicating a reception number, a reservation date and time, a printing status, and a delivery status.” Claim 1, as amended, claims a combination that is neither taught nor suggested by the cited prior art of record.

Similarly, Claim 8 has been amended to include the limitations of previous Claim 9, as well as the above noted additional language. Claim 8, as amended, claims a combination that is neither taught nor suggested by the cited prior art of record.

Finally, Claim 18 has been amended to include the limitations of previous Claim 19, as well as additional language specifying that the storing step stores a printing reservation list indicating a reception number, a reservation date and time, a printing status and a delivery status. Claim 18, as amended, claims a method that is neither taught nor suggested by the cited prior art of record.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR §1.78 to Deposit Account No. 50-2603, referencing Attorney Docket No. 351778.04800. A duplicate sheet is attached.

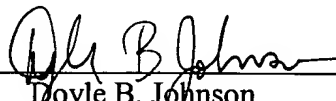
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